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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

WILLIAM M. LEATHERWOOD, LSW
License No. 44SL05057500

TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

ORDER OF SUMMARY
SUSPENSION

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information revealing the following:

1. Respondent, William M. Leatherwood was licensed to practice social work in the State of New Jersey on October 26, 2000.

2. Respondent appeared with counsel before the Board on May 19, 2004 and admitted that there were serious boundary issues during therapy sessions with client E.A.

3. Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal in New Jersey in 2004 resulting in a lapsed license status provides grounds to automatically suspend Respondent's license to practice social work in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 23 day of September 2008,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice social work in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended by operation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, without a hearing.

2. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of his New Jersey license at any time in the future, then this Order shall require Respondent to appear before a Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners to establish that he is fit to practice social work in New Jersey. Additionally, the Board reserves the right to take disciplinary action regarding the care of client E.A. or any other matter and place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's license to practice social work in the State of New Jersey.

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